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In re: Application of: VIAL, S.

Serial No: 09/889,535

Examiner: Prunner, K.

Filing Date: January 16, 2002 (\$371)

Group Art Unit: 3751

For: WRITING INSTRUMENT WITH VARIABLY INCLINABLE TIP

AMENDMENT, 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Statement

<p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING, 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)</p> <p>I certify that this correspondence and the enclosures mentioned therein are being deposited by First Class U.S. Mail with sufficient postage on the date shown below, addressed to Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.</p> <p><i>Stephan P. Gribok</i> Stephan P. Gribok, Reg. No. 29,643</p> <p><u>9-5-03</u> Date</p>

Applicant hereby responds to the official action of March 5, 2003, the period for response having been restarted on March 18 (Paper No. 10). This response contains:

- amendments to the claims (pages 2-9 of this response), resulting in five independent claims and 30 total claims.
- amendments to the specification (pages 10-30);
- remarks (pages 31-37);
- proposal for amendment of drawings (separate letter with three annotated sheets and nine sheet as prints with changes entered);
- petition for extension of time – 3 months;
- Check for \$1,152.00 for fee for extension (\$930), two independent claims over three (\$168) and three additional total claims (\$54);
- transmittal letter (containing contingent charge authorization, if necessary)
- return receipt postcard.

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